



## Rommel Recoils In Tunisia

By a Veteran Commander

American troops, pushing toward the ports of Sfax and/or Gabes have occupied Gafsa, an important rail-and-road junction practically without opposition. Our patrols have pushed forward along the railroad line leading east to the sea (Mancos) and along the road leading southeastward to Gabes.

The fact that there was little or no opposition on the part of the enemy seems to show that Rommel has recoiled into the area between the Mareth Line and the hills northeast of the Chott Djerid. There is no doubt that he well understands the danger of what General Patton is doing near Gafsa as well as the menace of General Montgomery. Rommel stands the danger of being "rattled" near Gabes and at last cut off from his partner—von Arnim up north.

Rommel's tactics now should be the tactics of a general fighting in conditions of virtual encirclement. What do those tactics teach? They teach that the first thing to do is to form a circular defense and then, above all, muster a striking force capable of breaking the ring. In order to "muster" such a mailed fist, one has to contract and recoil. This is what Rommel is probably doing. It is likely that he will strike with his "fist" at Patton and will simply try to hold off Montgomery.

Up north the Germans have made local gains against General Anderson, but these gains have been erased and the situation remains static (what with the rain and all that sort of thing).

**O**n the Eastern Front the battle is raging with increasing fury in the sector Izyum-Chuguyev. The Germans are throwing in great masses of dive-bombers which are being met by swarms of Soviet "Stormoviks" and fighters. The enemy is attempting a typical blitz-break by means of the famous divebomber-tank team. So far the battle has a seesaw character which is about the best that could be expected under the circumstances.

In the center the Red Army has captured the railroad town of Izdezhkovo and has thus approached within striking distance of the first of the enemy main "hedgehogs" which guard Smolensk from the East (Durovo, Yartsevo and Dorogobuzh).

Timoshenko continues to gnaw his way through swamp and forest in the direction of Staraya Russa. Slow going, but pretty steady.

**T**HE trimming the Japanese received in Central China appears even more serious than early reports indicated. There is little doubt that they have lost the "fourth battle of Changsha."

Allied troops in the Akyab region in Burma have been pressed back somewhat.

Nothing of importance on the other fronts.

## Rumanians Lost Two Thirds of Force

By Major A. Ivanov  
(Red Star War Correspondent)

MOSCOW, March 19 (ICN).—When Premier Ion Antonescu hurled the Rumanian army against the Soviet Union it numbered about a million men consisting of 22 to 24 infantry and four cavalry divisions, two mechanized and four Alpine rifle brigades, and also special units.

At that time a Rumanian infantry division was 17,000 strong. When on the order of the German command the Rumanian army was to cross the Danube, Rumania's casualties had already been heavy. In the fighting for Odessa the Rumanian units lost up to 50 per cent of their men. At Odessa and in the Crimea alone the Rumanian army lost over 250,000 in killed and wounded.

After the Red Army units evacuated Odessa, the Rumanian Government was compelled to withdraw its battered divisions to Rumania. Only the Third Rumanian Army, consisting of two Alpine rifle and three cavalry brigades, continued operations against the Red Army.

But the breathing spell given by Hitler to the Rumanians was very short. By June, 1942, almost the entire Rumanian army was again thrown into the front. The number of divisions operating against the Red Army increased to 24 or 26.

### HEAVY LOSSES

The summer campaign of 1942 proved a costly affair for the Rumanian troops hurled against the Red Army. The losses were so heavy that on Dec. 25, 1942 a decree was published in Rumania ordering all Rumanian subjects abroad to return to Rumania for service in the army at the front. The Rumanian Government warned that violation of this order would be punishable by death.

Launching its decisive offensive on Nov. 19, 1942, the Red Army directed its first blow against the Third Rumanian Army, then holding the defense positions southeast of Vagheuska and southwest of Kletskaya. This army consisted of four corps, one cavalry division and a tank division. A number of formations of the Third Army was encircled and great numbers of its men taken prisoner.

Shortly thereafter the Red Army completely routed also the Sixth Rumanian Army Corps, situated south of Stalingrad and consisting of five infantry and two cavalry divisions. Northwest and southeast of Stalingrad the main forces of the Rumanian army were completely routed.

### LIQUIDATED

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mans 16 Rumanian divisions, including 12 infantry, three cavalry and one tank divisions. Moreover, one infantry division and a cavalry division were encircled in the Stalingrad area and were subsequently liquidated along with the Sixth German Army.

In subsequent operations the Red Army completed the debacle of the remaining Rumanian units operating against it.

It may be estimated that at least two-thirds of the Rumanian divisions have been completely destroyed or taken prisoner. The losses suffered by the Rumanian army left Antonescu with merely a few divisions at his disposal. The Rumanian army lost all of its armaments and equipment—losses which were hard to replenish in so short a time.

Moreover, a considerable number of officers and non-commissioned officers perished together with the routed Rumanian divisions, which resulted in an acute shortage on the commanding staff for building up new military formations in Rumania.

It is not precluded, however, that the Rumanian dictator Antonescu still has the possibility of forming a certain number of divisions to hurl into action on the Soviet-Nazi front.

### British Commandos Get New Commander

LONDON, March 19 (UP).—Acting Air Vice Marshal A. H. Orléans has been appointed deputy chief of Britain's combined operations forces—the Commandos—succeeding Vice Marshal J. M. Robb who has been shifted to North Africa, it was announced today.

**White Paper on India**

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## Uncover Nazi Death Camp On Outskirts of Stalingrad

By A. Chuyanov

Chairman, Stalingrad Defense Committee

MOSCOW, March 19 (ICN).—At the approaches to Stalingrad and in the city proper, the German barbarians set up scores of starvation camps for Soviet war prisoners and civilians. The world was shocked by the documents published in Pravda about the Hitlerites' bloody crimes in the hamlet of Vertiachy. But these documents revealed merely a fraction of the monstrous crimes perpetrated by the Germans in the Stalingrad region.

In Camp 205 situated near the village of Alexeyevka in the Gorodets district, Stalingrad region, the Germans made several dugouts, 15 to 20 square yards each:

When the Soviet troops arrived there were 850 persons in these dugouts, most of them so weak from hunger, exhaustion, maltreatment and backbreaking labor that they could not move.

The grounds of the camp were littered with more than 1,500 corpses, many with the abdomens ripped, their extremities carved, skulls crushed, scattered over the ground were 59 dead human bodies.

### MUTILATED DEAD

The faces of the dead were mutilated beyond recognition. Three huge trenches found 50 to 100 yards from the camp were filled with bodies hastily covered with a thin layer of ground and obscured by the snow. The number of dead dumped there exceeds 2,500.

Questioning and documents made it possible to establish that the number of war prisoners and civilians in this camp reached nearly 8,000, among them many women and children. Every day at 5:30 A. M. they were all forced to dig trenches and dugouts, dig grass from under the snow for horses, and dig graves.

They worked until nightfall and even later. Prisoners were killed on any pretext and without any at all. Ivan Serkin was shot by the bandits for "rudeness to Germans."

On January 5, 1943, the Germans began wholesale execution following an attempt by some prisoners to flee from the camp. On January 12 they shot ten for "disorder in the ranks." The dead were not removed for days.

### DIE OF THIRST

Anyone approaching the barbed wire fence was shot at by sentries. Staff Corporal Blumstock, of the 205th patrol company, amused himself by shooting at a crowd of unarmed people and delighting in their agony. Blumstock openly stated that "if the Russians capture the camp they shall not find a single prisoner alive here."

The German officers kept special dogs in the camp, unleashing them on the prisoners for amusement.

All the time from September through January the prisoners in the camp received on four occasions

50 to 75 grams of bread per person. There was no water in the camp, and since there was no rainfall in the autumn the people tormented by thirst drank urine, and many died.

Beginning with December no food whatever was issued. Those prisoners who were still able to go to work were fed some horseflesh from dead animals, eating it raw. Hunger resulted in insanity and death.

In September the death rate from starvation was 30 to 40 persons daily, and on certain days in December the rate reached 130 to 145 daily. Many were so starved that on January 23, when the Red Army provided them with food, a number of them died after two or three bites.

According to the statements of Soviet war prisoners and civilians, some 4,000 died from hunger, exhaustion and disease.

The dugouts were not heated and were calculated to hold 25 to 30 persons. But the camp command dumped 120 to 140 into each hole. The people could sleep only by squatting on the floor.

Many suffered from frostbite. They were all searched and robbed. The Hitler brigands took any of the Red Army men's and civilians' possessions they wanted—clothes and other articles.

There was no medical treatment whatever. Epidemics ravaged the camp continuously.

The direct executors of these crimes in Camp 205 were the Hitlerites Oberleutnant Masantin, Operazahmeister Liebasch, Operazahmeister Reber, Chief of the camp's patrol service Captain Frister, Major Jauch and the commandant of the camp, a colonel whose name has not been established. He fled together with other Hitlerites, abandoning the camp during the Red Army's offensive.

Similar crimes have been perpetrated by the Germans in other places. The Soviet people will remember and pay back the fascist barbarians for all their crimes.



## Communists Here Greet Australian CP

The "single purpose of victory" dominates our actions in the war, Earl Browder and William Z. Foster declared in a cable yesterday in a greeting of the American Communist Party to the Australian Communist Party, on the occasion of its National Convention.

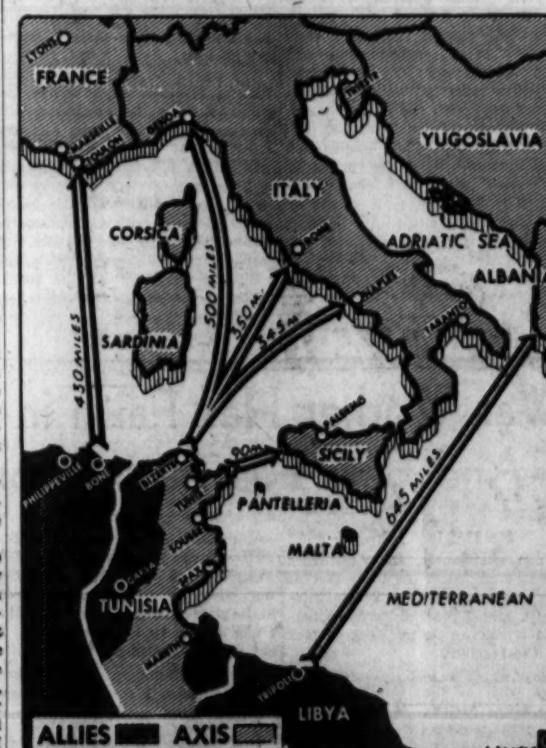
"We regret," said the cable, "that the shortage of leading staff members under war exigencies makes it impracticable for us to send a fraternal representative to the convention of our brother Party of Australia, notwithstanding the fact that our common bond of responsibility in this titanic people's war of national liberation bespeaks a closer comradeship."

The grave common dangers that beset our countries have not diminished. The victories of our brothers of the Red Army from November to March and of the Australian-New Zealand-British-American forces at Guadalcanal, Buna, and the Bismarck Sea have aroused world-wide and powerful efforts on the part of the defeatists to accomplish a cleavage between the Allied free peoples. The defeatists are attempting to stimulate contradictions between the United States and the British Commonwealth, and especially between the United States and Soviet Russia.

together perform those great deeds necessary to common victory."

The cable was signed by Foster and Browder in the name of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States.

### One Vulnerable Spot



A swift and decisive attack on the Axis in North Africa by Allied forces will open the road for pound out victory over the Italian end of the Axis. Churchill called this part of Europe the "soft underbelly of the Axis." Air miles distances are shown to come of the key points of possible attack in southern France, Italy, Sicily, and Albania are shown by double-lined arrows pointing from North Africa to Europe.

## Hitler Officers Tell Of Camp Atrocities

MOSCOW, March 19 (ICN).—German officers taken prisoner by the Red Army have confirmed the monstrous atrocities committed against Soviet prisoners of war in Nazi prison camp No. 205 in the Stalingrad area.

An eyewitness statement was signed by the following officers:

Oberleutnant Werner von Kunowski (8th army staff).

Major Franz Kindle (207th artillery regiment).

Captain Fritz Frey (sixth army staff).

Oberleutnant Johann Fuelsack (297th artillery regiment).

Lieutenant Heinz Auster (4th army corps staff).

"On Jan. 28, 1943," they wrote, "we were shown through Alexeyevka camp No. 205 for prisoners of war, near Stalingrad.

"We would never believe it were we not there to see with our own eyes.

"Numerous corpses were prodding from the snow on the barbed wire enclosed field.

"On approaching closer we beheld many holes filled with the bodies of war prisoners who had died from starvation and cold.

"Many were mutilated, their bodies and arms maimed beyond recognition. Some had their abdomens ripped out, skulls crushed.

"Some of the men were still alive when the bodies were removed by stretchers bearers from the holes. Too weak to move independently, they were taken by sledge.

"One of the survivors told us that only 1,000 of the 4,000 prisoners in the camp had survived, and that many of them had been driven insane by hunger and nightmares. We were all shocked by the horrible picture and the conditions of inhuman cruelty."

## GUILTY!



The Hitler regime and its ruthless henchmen are guilty of the terrible atrocities in Nazi prison camp 205 near Stalingrad. Some of them got away. This one did not. Shown above is General Von Daniel passing through Stalingrad as a prisoner. Von Daniel's Sixth Army was completely wiped out before the city. Daniel and some of his staff march past a dead Nazi soldier in this photo which has just reached the United States.

## Hoarding Seen In Run on Cheese

With a heavy sustained run on all kinds of hard cheeses indicating large-scale hoarding by housewives, Commissioner Daniel P. Wooley of the Department of Markets and Trade today warned consumers that most domestic hard cheeses could not be kept long under home conditions without spoiling.

A survey of city dealers indicated that public purchases of all varieties of American, Store, Muemster, Cheddar type, Swiss and other domestic, as well as South American, Dutch and Italian type cheeses,

has reached unprecedented proportions—consumers ordinarily buying one pound, now buying 10 pounds or more. The run on hard cheese has been aggravated ever since the announcement that hard cheese would be rationed with meat and fats.

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Zabolnik allegedly directed a Communist Party nucleus in a factory. According to the indictment, Zabolnik and Jajcaj published and circulated Communist propaganda and, working with Ulrich, issued instructions for carrying out acts of sabotage.

It was signed by: Edward Kaspricewicz, president of the Committee and delegate from Chrysler Local 7, UAW-CIO; Edward J. Danielski, president Local 833, UAW-CIO; Vincent Klein, financial secretary Local 7, UAW-CIO; Adam Poplawski, financial secretary Packard Local 190, UAW-CIO; Frank Stawski, vice-president Packard Local 140, UAW-CIO; John Zarzema, international representative.

## Unionists Here Hit Polish Imperialists

DETROIT, March 19.—Expressing their sorrow that relations between the Polish political circles in London and the Soviet Union have sharpened, the Polish Trade Union Committee issued a statement which considers the pressing of the question of borders by the Polish emigre government as harmful of the unity of the United Nations.

The statement urges the closest unity of the United Nations and the fullest support of the Casablanca decisions of unconditional surrender. It calls for the immediate invasion of Europe and the support of the national uprisings of the conquered peoples of Europe.

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# Mayor Urged by Citizens to Act on Police Beating of Negro Girl Student

By Eugene Gordon

Mayor LaGuardia had before him yesterday a vigorous protest against the assault by Raphael Jacobson, subway policeman, on 14-year-old Ethelen Burnett, Negro high school student, in the 211th St. Independent station last Monday.

Charles Stoffers, the Mayor's police aid, received the anti-poll-tax and the anti-lynching bills upon the floor of the House for action.

Resolutions were sent to Governor Dewey condemning him for returning George Burrows to Mississippi and possible lynching. Miss Williams said on this point, that the fight now must be for Burrows' "safety and freedom." "It is only a legal formality to ask for a fair trial," she declared.

A resolution to the Governor of Mississippi demanded Burrows' protection while in the state, freedom for him, and safe conduct out of the state.

Subway Officer No. 428 (subsequently identified as Raphael Jacobson) was immediately discharged from the employ of the city.

The report of the investigation by the Board of Transportation into the assault "was made accessible to the public upon request."

"Charges of felonious assault were made against Jacobson and that the rights of the victim and the justice due her be guaranteed through the courts of this city."

The delegation then called on Jerome Daly, secretary of the Board of Transportation, 250 Hudson St., and made identical demands.

## CHANGES HIS TUNE

Mr. Daly showed none of his belligerence of the day before, when a Daily Worker reporter had interviewed him by phone. Indicating that he was aware of the fact that his "don't-give-a-damn" attitude toward the Negro people, as reported in this paper, was most unfaltering, Daly received the delegation 10 Negro citizens almost cordially.

He told the delegation that if the Board's investigation showed the charges against the policeman to be correct, the man would be tried and dismissed. When reminded that, in view of the seriousness of the charges, the man should be suspended while investigation is being made, Daly demurred, saying that to suspend him would imply "pre-judgment."

He was referring to the Albany Legislature's defeat of his plan to increase the sales tax.

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## Mayor to Reveal Tax Plan Sunday

It must have been two other folks.

That's what Mayor LaGuardia coyly implied yesterday when asked about an AP dispatch from London reporting that the U. S. government was sounding out the British about his long-rumored appointment as civilian administrator of occupied Italian territory in North Africa.

"If I could find my age I would join the Army," the Mayor replied jokingly a few minutes before he addressed a civilian defense rally.

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## Stop Buck-Passing on 18-Yr. Vote---YCL

In the face of a widespread movement of support for the proposed measure to lower the voting age in New York state to 18, the Assembly pointed out today.

### A SUBTERFUGE

An effort is being made, he stated, to prove that the bill is not truly a measure because it would require passage by a succeeding legislature and would not come up for a popular referendum until 1945 when the youth now in the armed forces would be and large be of voting age.

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## A. L. P. Raps Lewis for Slur On F. D. R.'s Security Plan

Pointing to the need for immediate planning for post-war reemployment and social security the Trade Union Council of the American Labor Party in a statement issued today charged John L. Lewis with attempting to confuse present demands of labor for immediate wage adjustments with post-war social planning.

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## Sales Tax Still Alive, Cacchione Warns

The sales tax issue is still alive even though the Assembly voted it down, Tuesday, Communist Councilman Peter V. Cacchione warned in a statement issued yesterday.

The Brooklyn legislator said that it is still possible for the Assembly to call up the Moffat measure, giving tax, at any time until the Legislature adjourns. The Assembly last Tuesday tabled the bill.

Cacchione's statement, giving his position on the sales tax, will be distributed in 75,000 copies early next week.

The Councilman said that "Governor Dewey and the Republican-controlled Legislature have the responsibility to help New York City

pay its bills and the OPA's financial problem!

"The tremendous surplus that Governor Dewey has built up must be paid off," he continued. "The Governor is planning to increase the surplus in the state treasury so that he will be able to come before the people and say, 'We are the Party that knows how to conduct the finances of the state in an efficient and businesslike manner.'

The Communist Councilman gave a number of reasons why the sales tax is objectionable. He emphasized that it is part of a national drive to shift the tax burden from those best able to pay to the low-income groups. He also showed how the people actually pay more than a one per cent sales tax today when they buy items that are less than a dollar in price.

Cacchione repeated in his statement the proposals for raising funds that are embodied in his resolution in the City Council. These include the return to the city from the state treasury of a greater share of state-shared taxes; the return to the city of 60 per cent of city relief costs in place of the current 40 per cent; the right to increase taxes on gross utility income up to three per cent; and the right to increase the tax rate on gross business and finance corporation incomes.

### Strike Called Off

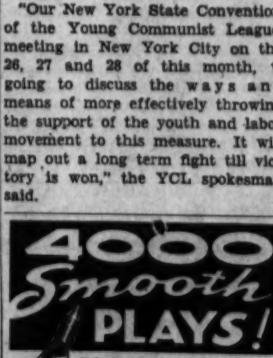
DETROIT, March 19 (UPI)—The Utility Workers Organizing Committee (UWO) agreed late today to call off a strike which would have cut off electricity to 17 vital war production areas served by the Consumers Power Co.

### Dollars and Cents:

Pork ceiling prices become effective April 1 varying in different parts of the country as determined by certain zone lines. Grade A sliced bacon, for example, will vary from 46 cents a pound to 49 in various parts of the country.

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## News About Rationing

### Butler-Fingers:

Lost ration books or coupon sheets can be replaced only by applying to local war price and ration boards. Mutilated books require same procedure.

### Up and Up:

Canned Texas grapefruit juice will be about one cent more per No. 2 size can due to an increase allowed packers by the OPA. Bread crumbs are also due for a two and a half pound increase.

### Greens and Greenbacks:

If you think vegetable prices are too high (and they are!) let your regional OPA office know. Fresh vegetable prices on lettuce, spinach, carrots, green peas, snap beans, tomatoes and cabbage, may be adjusted by the regional OPA.

### Lend-Lease:

Canned vegetables exported under lend-lease terms in 1942 amounted to less than one can in every 100 the country produced. Canned fruits and fruit juices shipped were less than two cans to every 100 consumed on the front, according to the Lend-Lease Administration.

### I Pledge:

Holiday throughout the country will soon be carrying the following notice:

"The management of this hotel assures its patrons that all foods here are bought from recognized reputable sources at ceiling prices. We will not tolerate any dealings with black markets. We will do everything in our power to cooperate with the OPA office in preventing of black market sales."

### Tick-Tocks:

Some 1,700,000 spring wound clocks for war workers are now being produced with the approval of the WPA. They will be called war alarm models.

### Reduction:

Rayon stockings reduction of from 5 to 40 cents a pair, recently announced by OPA will save the women of the nation an estimated 50 million dollars a year. The reductions take effect April 15.

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"Pass this measure in this session of the Legislature," Mr. Ross, challenged the legislative leaders, "and you will see such an upsurge of interest in public affairs and citizenship training among the youth as will have no precedent.

"Our New York State Convention of the Young Communist League, meeting in New York City on the 26, 27 and 28 of this month, is going to discuss the ways and means of more effectively throwing the support of the youth and labor movement to this measure. It will map out a long term fight till victory is won," the YCL spokesman said.

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## Soviet Meteorologists Study U.S. Methods



Red Army and Navy meteorologists inspect training facilities at the New York University's College of Engineering. Above, Col. H. L. Carter, head of the Army Air Force Technical Command in New York examines a weather map to the visiting officials. Shown left to right are: Col. Carter; Maj. Mark L. Lvovich, Soviet hydrological expert; Capt. Constantin C. Speranski; and Thorndike Saville of N. Y. University.

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proposed \$15,000,000 state program. Congressman Thomas Burchill, State Senator Francis Mahoney, Assemblyman Hulon Jack and Maurice Downing are among those expected to attend.

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A plan to enlist organizations in the fight on price-violators will be advanced today at a Manhattan lower West Side conference on win-the-war legislation at Cornish Arms Hotel.

The plan, to be presented by Hy Josephs of the National Lawyers Guild, calls for a system of volunteer price wardens who will see that violators of price regulations are hauled to court. The regulation \$50 fines that such violators would have to pay would go to war relief agencies, according to the proposal.

The conference, initiated by the American Labor Party in the 3rd and 4th Assembly Districts, will deal

with a number of important war problems in five separate panels.

Each panel will be addressed by a prominent authority in the field.

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## Showdown in Coal Parley Is Nearing

The deadlock in bituminous coal negotiations continued yesterday as developments rapidly led to a showdown on whether coal production will continue after the April 1 deadline.

A proposal of the operators for extension of the present agreement for a month, was turned down by the United Mine Workers. The operators did not propose that pay be retroactive to April 1, as procedure under WLB policy would provide.

The miners, through secretary-treasurer Thomas Kennedy, merely indicated that it is still possible to arrive at a pact within the 12 days remaining.

Negotiations were proceeding in two separate conferences, for the Southern Appalachian area at Hotel Commodore, for the Northern at the Biltmore.

The miners are demanding a wage increase of \$2.00 a day and a work-day figure from "collar to collar"—from the time the worker arrives and leaves the mouth of the mine. Wages are now figured from the time a miner arrives at and leaves the seam of the mine.

A federal appeals court decision just handed down at New Orleans, providing for a collar to collar wage-day for metal miners, is expected to bolster the position of the miners. Often this affects more than an hour's time at the mine and therefore the equivalent of a dollar or more in wages.

From Washington there was nothing official, but rumors flew fast on the likely form that government intervention will take place. John L. Lewis has burnt all bridges with the War Labor Board, declaring that it must be smashed and with it all wage stabilization.

Today's meeting of Labor's Combined CIO-AFL Victory Board with the President at Washington on the demand for an upward adjustment in the "Little Steel" 15 per cent limit, is expected to give some indication of the possibilities in the mine situation. Such adjustment plus a collar to collar decision would go considerably to meeting the demands of the miners.

## RCA, Union Hit 'Absentee' Howlers

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responsible for absenteeism, were checked.

Authorization to release the committee's findings was obtained yesterday from David Sarnoff, chairman of the RCA board. Mr. Sarnoff expressed complete agreement with the committee's conclusions.

Joseph P. Selly, president of the American Communications Association, paid tribute to Mr. Sarnoff for his enlightened labor policy as reflected in the operations of the vice committee.

The study's findings "completely expose the falsity of the charge that labor is responsible for absenteeism," the CIO union president commented.

"This study is a scientific answer," Selly said, "to the hysterical, intemperate and unfounded charges now being made that many hours are being lost in vital war industries solely because workers are absent from their jobs for no apparent reason."

The committee found that at RCA Communications, a vital link in the country's war-time communications system, there are virtually no absenteeism because the causes have been removed through management planning and collective bargaining."

In its statement the committee noted that absenteeism is caused by many factors which have been taken into consideration at RCA—such as, excessively long hours of work, inadequate vacation periods, too little time for recreation, lack of illness benefits, lack of medical supervision on the job, etc.

The reasons for the excellent work record of all R.C.A. employees, including negligible absenteeism, are summed up as follows:

Reasonable working hours—a basic five day week; liberal vacations with pay; liberal paid legal holiday provisions; time and a half for overtime; equitable wage rates; liberal sick benefits; free medical services for illnesses not of a major nature; group insurance; stabilized labor relations affecting a majority of employees through a collective bargaining agreement.

## Mike Gold to Speak On Dynamics of War

Michael Gold, well known writer-lecturer, will speak on the subject: "The Dynamics of a People's War," Friday, March 26, 8:30 P. M. at the Yosef Kotler Lodge No. 279 of the International Workers Order.

The lecture will be held at Crotona Center (formerly Ambassador Hall) 3881 Third Ave., near Claremont Parkway.

## FDR to Meet Labor Heads on Wage Issue

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, March 19.—President Roosevelt will meet tomorrow with the combined CIO-AFL Labor Victory Board when labor's demand for an upward adjustment of the "Little Steel" formula to meet the rising cost of living, will be placed before him.

On Monday the War Labor Board is scheduled to take up the demand of its labor members for the change.

The decision is expected to have an important bearing of the current and approaching negotiations affecting mine, garment, machine and electrical, shipyard, railroad, airplane, packinghouse and other workers.

President David Dubinsky of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, today brought before the President his union's request for an upward revision of the 15 per cent raise ceiling.

## Grand Jury Indicts Nine In Film Racket

The Federal Grand Jury today indicted nine persons, including eight kingpins of the Chicago underworld and a New Jersey union official for a conspiracy which allegedly extorted \$2,500,000 from the motion picture industry.

The Grand Jury returned two indictments, charging violation of the anti-racketeering law, in a 11 fraud and conspiracy.

One of the principals named was Frank (The Enforcer) Nitti, one of the leaders of Al Capone's old Chicago gang. It was charged in the indictments that Capone's heirs formed an alliance with the leaders of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, after insuring the election of the AFL union's leaders, and thereafter bled the movie industry and the union itself of more than \$2,500,000.

The extortions occurred over a period of eight years, the indictment alleged, and the major portion of the loot was obtained by strong-arm methods.

Among those who appeared before the Grand Jury during its investigation were William Blott, West Coast head of the IATSE, and George Browne, IATSE president, who previously had been convicted of extortion.

## See New Move On Coudert in State Senate

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Senate, Dr. Bella V. Dodd, legislative representative of the Teachers Union, yesterday telephoned to legislative leaders urging reconsideration of the Senate vote.

The telegram follows:

"On behalf of thousands of New York City citizens who have faith in the democratic process we wish to protest against the legislative steamroller which has jammed through the resolution extending the life of the Rapp-Coudert legislative committee without giving the opposition the opportunity to be heard."

The Republican leaders in the Senate promised on Wednesday that no controversial bills would be discussed. The resolution giving Senator Frederic B. Coudert an additional \$55,000 to continue his disruption of the New York City schools was smuggled through when Lieutenant-Governor Thomas W. Wallace was not in the chair and when close to one-half of the members of the Senate were not in the Legislature.

"Fair play demands that the question be reopened."

## A Marine From Guadalcanal Tells Why Spanish Prisoners Must Be Freed

By Art Shields

A fighting American Marine, just back from Guadalcanal, made a hit Thursday night at a meeting in Spanish Harlem for the Spanish prisoners in the American zone of occupation in North Africa.

The meeting was at the Club Obrero Espanol of 1490 Fifth Ave., where Fernando de los Rios, former Spanish Republican Ambassador to the United States, denounced General Franco as an enemy of the United Nations.

The Marine made the hit with a Japanese banknote, taken from an enemy he had slain.

He had killed 14 enemies in the landing on the island. And he had Fabri Cuesta, the chairman, auction the trophy off Thursday night for the benefit of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee's campaign to free the African prisoners.

JAILING OUR ALLIES

De los Rios said that the United Nations were losing some of the best soldiers in the world by the con-

## For the Duration and After--

## 300 New Communists Greeted

By Louise Mitchell

Accepting the honor and responsibilities of membership in the Communist Party, some 300 men and women on Thursday night added their names to the ledger of first-class fighters and builders.

The men and women, Negro and white, meeting at Irving Plaza, achieved political maturity by joining the working class army of fighters against fascism and builders of a new and sturdy world.

From the singing of the Star Spangled Banner to the dancing of the last waltz, the streamlined induction proceedings ticked with the warmth and singleness of good purpose that the Communist Party has come to mean to millions of Americans.

The large group addressed by leaders of the New York State Communist Party, is part of the 1,725 members already recruited in the state drive for 5,000 by May 1.

### WHY WE NEED IT

"We need a strong Communist Party," Israel Amier, state chairman declared, "because we are in the midst of the world's greatest crisis. The fight against the fascists abroad and the Hearst, Hoovers and Wheelers at home calls for the strongest organization behind President Roosevelt."

The new and old members guided by our Communist program will help to achieve "our great goal in the interests of the country for victory in 1943," he said.

Greeting the newcomers as "members of the family," Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, called upon the new members to go out and "become the best recruiters."

By reading the Daily Worker, The Worker and "the great arsenal of material" printed for Communists, new members will be able to understand and explain the most complicated issues to the people with whom they work in mass organizations and trade unions.

"We can all be proud of our Party and our Party leadership," she said. "We have added many pages to the glorious history of our working class, and will continue to add more."

Ben Davis, Jr., executive secretary of the Upper Harlem section and chairman of the New York State County Communist Party emphasized the role of the working class party in fighting for the rights of the Negro people.

## House Rules Group Okays Kilday Bill

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UPI).

The House Rules Committee, despite War Department opposition, today approved the Kilday Bill to grant deferment priorities to fathers and to establish draft quotas on state-wide rather than local board bases.

Chairman Adolph Sabath, D., Ill., said only one member of the Rules Committee voted against the measure, despite the opposition expressed in a lengthy letter from Secretary of War Henry Stimson. The committee approval means the bill soon will be given a place on the House calendar.

Rep. Paul Kilday, D., Texas, sponsor of the measure, told the Rules group "the War Department's objections reflect only a refusal to read and consider the bill."

He said that one of Stimson's objections was to language suggested by a War Department spokesman.

Stimson had declared the measure would be impossible to administer and would cause a "complete breakdown" in the Selective Service System.

The bill would require the drafting in each state, of available single men and childless married men, before fathers are called.

Stimson has advised the House Rules Committee that placement of fathers at the bottom of the draft list would result in "a complete breakdown" of the present selective service system.

The measure, approved by an overwhelming vote of the House Military Affairs Committee, would make it mandatory for states to call all single men with collateral dependents and childless married men before inducting fathers.

Under this construction, Stimson said no Selective Service Board would be able to ascertain "at any given time" when every childless registrant in the state had been inducted.

"Shifts of population, changes of individual circumstances, and other similar factors make such a determination impossible."

"Accordingly, the administration of the Selective Service System would completely break down and the Army would be unable to continue to receive the steady flow of manpower which is essential."

The Marine got the auction idea after Mr. Cuesta had auctioned off a Russian bill which a sailor

tinued imprisonment of thousands of former Spanish Republican troops.

Those Spanish Republicans, suffering in North Africa, in Spain or in the concentration camps of Germany, are there because they were fighting not only for Spain but for all humanity," the former envoy declared.

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# Union Lookout

## STREAMLINED WLB SETTLES 17 CASES FOR LOCAL 65 IN 2 WEEKS; WIN RAISES

Evidence that new streamlined machinery of the War Labor Board really speeds decisions came this week from Warehouse Workers, Local 65, CIO, which announced that in the past fortnight approvals have been received in 17 cases, involving 2,368 workers.

Stepped-up minimums and raises covered by the decisions bring a total of \$300,000 to the workers annually, it was said.

Approval in 16 of the 17 cases was based on claims of inequities and sub-standard wage conditions, which prevail widely in the warehouse industry. In only one case, Lignum Chemical, was an increase awarded on the basis of the 15 per cent Little Steel formula, and, in that instance, salaries in the shop stand highest in the industry.

To date, no case presented to the board by Local 65 has been rejected. Thirty cases are still pending.

## WIRES CROSS ON TODD-MURRAY BILL

Labor's wires are crossed on the Todd-Murray bill, which comes before the state legislature for action Monday night.

The bill would permit employment of children under 18 and women after midnight in non-war industries. Here's how labor stands on it:

The Greater New York CIO Council and the Women's Trade Union League, AFL, oppose the measure. The State CIO and the State Federation of Labor support it.

The City CIO contends the bill would relax present safeguards at a time when manpower shortage exists and when discrimination against Negroes, Jews, loyal aliens and other minority groups still furnishes an ample labor pool.

## WAITERS' UNION AIDS OUR ALLIES

Mayor LaGuardia will officiate at ceremonies at City Hall at 11 A.M. today at which the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, Local 16, AFL, will present gifts to the Red Cross, the British Air Corps and the Chinese and Russian armed forces.

The union will give a convertible station wagon to the Red Cross and Mrs. Thomas C. Lamont will make the acceptance. A deluxe ambulance, gift to the British Air Corps, will be accepted by Commodore H. N. Thornton, British Air Attache. Chinese Consul General Dr. T. C. Yu will accept 600 surgical instruments on behalf of his country and Soviet Consul General Dmitri Zalkin will accept 100 surgical kits on behalf of the Soviet Union.

## CIO COUNCIL BACKS GIMBEL UNIONISTS

Support to the demands of unionists at the Gimbel department store has been voted by the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, CIO. An arbitrator's decision last December awarded \$2.50 increases to Gimbel workers and ruled that a reduction in hours cannot be counted as a raise in reckoning increases given since January, 1941, under the War Labor Board's Little Steel formula.

Brother unionists will call upon the board to accept the arbitrator's recommendations without review or hearings, holding that contrary action will weaken the value of arbitration. They will also support the arbitrator's recommendation that the cut in hours represented a social gain and should not serve to penalize workers, now hit by rising living costs.

## NAME UNIONIST TO WPB STAFF

Appointment of Harmon J. Smith, treasurer of the Rochester, N.Y., Central Trades and Labor Council, AFL, as senior labor representative of the War Production Board's Labor Production Division, was announced yesterday by Thomas E. Maguire, Regional Director of the CIO.

Mr. Smith will work with labor-management committees in the New York-New Jersey area in an effort to promote harmony between labor and management. This first assign-

## Union Buttons Invade Chicago 'Open Shop'

CHICAGO, March 19 (FP).—They're wearing union buttons in the huge anti-union Donnelley printing factory for the first time. Workers in the composing room, the many pressrooms, foundry, bindery, ink-making room, engraving departments and mailroom have formed the Council of Union Donnelley Employees.

Meetings of workers by departments are being held almost nightly, and plans are being made for a general mass meeting. The union council collects the news for the organizing paper published by Chicago Printing Trades Union (AFL).

It also prepares radio programs for broadcasts over WCFL, Chicago Federation of Labor radio station. Unionists are particularly strong among Donnelley machinists who openly wear the emblem of the International Association of Machinists, and in the offset department, where scores wear the buttons of Local 4, Amalgamated Lithographers. Local 4 is affiliated with Chi-

## SOLDIER OF PRODUCTION



—Official OWI photo, released by WPB Labor Press Unit.

This union worker, riveter ready for action, gives his brain to construction of a project essential to final victory. His fighting face expresses the Victory Creed of all Americans: "We are determined to win this war with the overwhelming might of our combined strength and resources—and thereafter to establish a new age of freedom for all men."

## UAW Offers Plan For Willow Run

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, March 19.—Demanding that an authority to coordinate the activities of all agencies in the Willow Run bomber plant be immediately established, Richard Leonard, director of the Ford Division, UAW, CIO, and William McAulay, Regional Director, issued a "program for Willow Run," indicating that the proposed

"hiring of an additional 30,000 workers will aggravate the existing problems even more."

The program states "that social planning must be started immediately and the friction which now exists with the plant minimized if production is to flow in any quantity from the plant" to avoid epidemics with costly loss of manpower. UAW, CIO, calls on the citizens of Ypsilanti and surrounding areas to protest the hiring of any more people at the plant until safe health standards are established.

Charles Vonie, mediator from the State Board of Mediation, explained that the union was seeking to eliminate piece work pay and place the men on an hourly pay rate. The employers, he said, want to maintain the piece work system.

At the request of Mayor LaGuardia, Judge Edward C. Maguire attended the meeting as an observer.

## REFUTE 'RICK' BY RADIO, SAYS BIG ACW LOCAL

Local 25, largest affiliate of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, AFL, has asked the union's general executive board to launch a campaign of radio broadcasts and newspaper advertisements to combat the anti-labor attack of Edward Rickenbacker.

The resolution, adopted at a membership meeting on recommendation of the executive board of the local, compared Rickenbacker to Charles Lindbergh, who was also a "hero" used by the pro-Nazi America First movement.

The resolution further called for an active drive to defend progressive legislation and defeat the series of anti-labor bills before Congress.

## SHOE WORKERS FIGHT HOBBS BILL

The entire New York membership of the United Shoe Workers of America, AFL, has been mobilized in the drive to beat the Hobbs Bill, H.R. 653 when it comes to the floor of Congress.

Under the leadership of Joint Council 13, every shop in the area is meeting on the danger to the entire labor movement which would result from the passage of the Hobbs Bill and is sending telegrams to majority leader McCormack and minority leader Martin in Congress in addition to local Congressmen. The Joint Council itself has contacted every Congressman in the city protesting passage of the bill.

The union is planning personal delegations of members to their various Congressmen.

## Cacchione Asks Council Group To Hit Poll Tax

The weather was bad outside yesterday but the atmosphere inside the City Council chamber was worse.

—The Marcantonio Anti-Poll Tax Bill, which would give the vote to 10,000,000 Negroes and poor whites in Southern Jim Crow states, was attacked by Councilman Louis Cohen, Bronx Democrat, as "class and race" legislation.

2—A demand for more federal funds to enforce overall food rationing to meet war needs was pooh-poohed by Vice-Chairman Joseph Sharkey and Councilman Cohen.

3—A resolution by Walter R. Hart, Brooklyn Democrat, assailing Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker's disruptive attack on American labor, and inviting AFL and CIO leaders to answer Rickenbacker in addresses before the Council, was denied action after Cohen asserted the Council should not be "a forum for labor agitators."

It all happened in a brief meeting of the Rules Committee, headed by Councilman John P. Nugent, Manhattan Democrat.

### CACCHIONE ACTS

Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn Communist, only positive voice in the meeting, asked the committee if he could say a "few words" about his resolution calling on New York City Congressmen to sign the petition for discharge of the Anti-Poll Tax from committee.

But before Cacchione had a chance to talk on his resolution, Cohen bobbed up and barked:

"This is the type of legislation we shouldn't touch. It's race legislation and creates antagonism between groups. It's class legislation."

George Addes, secretary-treasurer of the UAW-CIO also issued a statement regarding housing in which he sharply criticized the FPFA for continuing its discrimination practices against the Negro people. Stating that labor shortage and absenteeism were responsible for the lack of production he pointed out that "the latest check shows that more than 1,500 beds are available for occupancy but a Negro worker cannot find a place to sleep."

Addes was referring to the Willow Run housing project which is nearing completion.

To meet the problem of the children and education, the program calls for the use of the buildings and facilities of Michigan State Normal.

### LAID OVER

Cacchione promised to present Sharkey with copies of the Marcantonio Bill. The committee laid over the Cacchione resolution until its next meeting.

Sharkey and Cohen likewise backed action on Cacchione's resolution calling on local Congressmen to urge Congress to appropriate suffi-

# UE Seeks Wage Rise At GE and Westinghouse

## C. I. O. Here Backs City Employes

There is a single pattern to anti-labor legislation being introduced in the various state legislatures, Assemblyman John Lamula, Manhattan Republican, told the Greater New York Industrial Union Council Thursday night.

Lamula, elected to the legislature with labor support,

The two largest firms in the nation's electrical and machine manufacturing industry, General Electric and Westinghouse Electric, yesterday had under consideration the wage demands of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America (CIO), the union announced at its national headquarters.

Negotiations with the two large companies on wages and other contract provisions for the coming year were recessed, Wednesday after more than two weeks of sessions.

The extent of the wage demands has not yet been made public.

**EMPLOY 200,000**

The two firms employ approximately 200,000 workers represented by the CIO union.

Albert J. Fitzgerald, national president of the union, called a special meeting of the organization's executive board for Sunday.

He said the board will discuss plans for beginning wage negotiations with other companies now under contract to the union. Board action, Fitzgerald said, will "take into account the failure of government agencies to halt price rises, to arrive at a fair tax program, to curb exorbitant profits, and generally to end the war economy we need to support our fighting men abroad."

For the approximately 450,000 war workers for which it is the collective bargaining agent, the union on February 19 asked James F. Byrnes, as federal director of economic stabilization, to call a conference of the employers, the union, and the main government agencies concerned with stabilization, the conference to consider the union's proposals on wage stabilization.

### WILL MEET MAYOR

The union, now circulating petitions in support of its demands, will send a delegation to present the petitions to Mayor LaGuardia next Wednesday at 6 P.M. Michael Garranone, SCMWA representative, announced.

Delegates voted to support State, County and Municipal Workers in their campaign for a \$1,200 minimum annual wage and a 15 per cent wage adjustment to meet the high cost of living.

### DELEGATES VOTED

The CIO's drive to organize its 300,000 members in the metropolitan area into community and neighborhood units in addition to its shop and office units will be extended into Queens tomorrow with the holding at Kneer's Ballroom, 3210 Broadway, Astoria, of the third of a series of 20 CIO Community War Conferences.

Appellate Court Justice Frank F. Adel, representing the Queens CIO, State Senator Frank T. Farrel and Thomas DiLoorenzo, president of the Brewster Aircraft Local of the United Automobile Workers will be the major speakers at the Sunday meeting scheduled to begin at 1:30 P.M. Called under auspices of the Greater New York CIO Council, purpose of this and other community conferences is outlined as "carrying forward labor's legislative program and uniting all community and neighborhood organizations behind the nation's war effort."

All CIO members living in Long Island City, Astoria, Jackson Heights, Woodside, Maspeth and other North Queens communities have received an official call to the conference. They have been urged to bring their families, friends and neighbors. Members of the AFL and representatives of civic, fraternal, church and civilian defense groups in the area also have been invited to attend.

Several hundred aircraft and other war production workers living in Queens are expected. Arrangements have been made by the CIO to sign up at the conference volunteers for civilian defense work and blood donors for the Red Cross.

The call for the conference, signed by Joseph Curran, president, and Saul Mills, secretary, of the Greater New York CIO Council, makes it evident that emphasis at the conference will be placed as follows:

1. Support for the war effort and President Roosevelt.

2. Enforcement of price control and rationing regulations.

3. Establishment of child care facilities for children of women workers.

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## CHANGE THE WORLD



*Slanders Against the  
Soviet Union Only Possible  
In the United States*

By MIKE GOLD

A recent fugitive from the Franco hell is the Secretary of the Spanish General Workers Union, Mr. Rodriguez Vega.

This labor leader spent several evenings in New York with J. Alvarez Del Vayo, who reports Mr. Vega's story in the current "Nation."

Mr. Vega described a fellow-prisoner who was waiting for execution. A man of about 50, almost illiterate, and formerly a night watchman in the streets of Madrid, he was of no party, except for strong Republican sympathies. But during the war he had been an obscure member of the Home Guard and had helped arrest fascist fifth columnists who had been firing from windows during the blackouts.

After Franco was put in power by Hitler, Chamberlain and our own State Department, this poor little watchman was denounced by some elderly spinster and crackpot of his neighborhood as an anti-Jesuit and a man without God.

He was arrested and sentenced to death by Franco's gangsters. But weeks elapsed. The executioners were busy. Too many other Spaniards were waiting to be dragged out to the firing squad.

Thus, he had time to hope for a miracle, a miracle which was to come from far away.

Every morning when he woke, reports Vega, the night watchman's first question was, "How are things in the Crimea?"

He was not an educated man. Of Russia he only knew that it had helped Spain during the war. But now he felt Russia keenly as his sole ally. He had made up his mind that when the war on the eastern front was won, the Axis would be finished—and then he would escape execution.

"Nowhere else," observed Vega, "do people follow the war as attentively as they do in the prisons of Spain. For many it means not only victory but the hope of coming back to life."

Could not the same thing be said of all the masses of Europe? Are they not all confined in Hitler's unspeakable prison hell? Does not Hitlerism leave them with but one prospect—hunger, torture and death?

Do not all of them, when they wake in the miserable dawn, also ask of each other hopefully, "How are things in the Crimea?"

Only in America, still far from the anguish and death of Hitlerism, are there enough smug people left with whom the feather can repeat his stale anti-Kommunist maneuvers.

This campaign against the Soviet Union now raging equally in the liberal and tory press of America is as shameful a betrayal of the people of Europe as the swindle at Munich.

Instead of clamoring that a second front be opened against Hitler, so that the war can be won in 1943, Hitler has persuaded the gentlemen of the Chicago Tribune, the Hearst press and the like to open a second front against the Soviet Union. And even papers regarded as liberal (PM, the New Republic) have joined in the clamor against the Soviet Union on an issue like the execution of the two Polish traitors, Erlich and Alter.

The trap is baited with the same old slanders and suspicions that have trailed the Soviet people since they first eliminated the profiteer.

Only a month ago, for example, the assassination of Carlo Tresca was much in the news. And a picard punchline, Luigi Antonini, was bellowing, "Tresca's death is 95 per cent due to the Russian Gayapoo, and only 5 per cent to the fascists."

Today several N. Y. papers have charged that the assassin of Tresca is a well-known Italian fascist whose name is known in the District Attorney's office and who is being protected by powerful political influences.

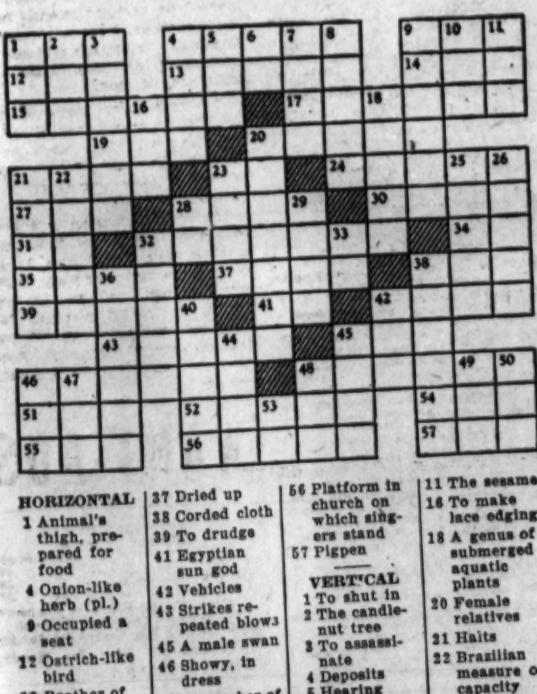
But Luigi Antonini, who tried to frame up Communists for this deed, does not apologize for his crime. No, he is too busy and too brazen. He has passed on to another stab in the back of the Red Army. What does he care about finding the assassin of Tresca?

The Tresca case was only a tool that failed in his hand. Now he passes on to another, to the smelly little rehash of the Moscow treason trials, this Alter-Erich case.

When this will dry up also, another case will be discovered. However hard the fakers may try to make people believe that the Soviets spend all their time shooting Jews and labor leaders, nearly everyone else knows that the Red Army protects Jews, and is made up of labor leaders who spend their days and nights killing off Nazis.

## Daily Crossword Puzzle

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Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle

	B	A	S	T	E	R	P	I	R	D
HORIZONTAL	1 Animal's thigh, prepared for food	27 Dried up	56 Platform in church on which singing priest	57 Pigpen	16 To make lace edging	42 Vehicles	43 Strikes repeated blows	45 A male swan	46 Showy, in dress	47
4 Onion-like herb (pl.)	39 To drudge	39 Egyptian sun god	41 Egyptian sun god	42 Vehicles	43 Strikes repeated blows	45 A male swan	46 Showy, in dress	47	48 A member of the Latin races (pl.)	49
9 Occupied a seat	40 The	40 The	41 Egyptian sun god	42 Vehicles	43 Strikes repeated blows	45 A male swan	46 Showy, in dress	47	50 The	51
12 Ostrich-like bird	41 Egyptian sun god	41 Egyptian sun god	42 Vehicles	43 Strikes repeated blows	45 A male swan	46 Showy, in dress	47	52	53	54
13 Brother of Moses	42 Vehicles	42 Vehicles	43 Strikes repeated blows	45 A male swan	46 Showy, in dress	47	53	54	55	56
14 Biblical priest	43 Strikes repeated blows	43 Strikes repeated blows	44 The fourth (pl.)	45 A male swan	46 Showy, in dress	47	55	56	57	
15 To persecute	44 The fourth (pl.)	44 The fourth (pl.)	45 A male swan	46 Showy, in dress	47	56				
17 Writing implement	45 A male swan	45 A male swan	46 Showy, in dress	47	57					
19 A copy of Africa	46 Showy, in dress	46 Showy, in dress	47	58						
20 To cut something	47	48 A member of the Latin races (pl.)	49	59						
21 Let it stand, in printing	48 A member of the Latin races (pl.)	48 A member of the Latin races (pl.)	49	59						
22 Fifty-one (Roman numerals)	49	50	50	59						
24 In whaling, a small oil cask	50	51 Paddle-like instrument	51 Paddle-like instrument	52 Pertaining to one of the Great Lakes	52 Pertaining to one of the Great Lakes	53 Elongated fish	53 Elongated fish	54 Clandestine	54 Clandestine	55 Printer's measure (pl.)
27 A jutting rock	51 Paddle-like instrument	51 Paddle-like instrument	52 Pertaining to one of the Great Lakes	52 Pertaining to one of the Great Lakes	53 Elongated fish	53 Elongated fish	54 Clandestine	54 Clandestine	55 Printer's measure (pl.)	
28 A state of disorder	52 Pertaining to one of the Great Lakes	52 Pertaining to one of the Great Lakes	53 Elongated fish	53 Elongated fish	54 Clandestine	54 Clandestine	55 Printer's measure (pl.)			
29 Small rollers under a piece of furniture	53 Elongated fish	53 Elongated fish	54 Clandestine	54 Clandestine	55 Printer's measure (pl.)					
30 Note of scale	54 Clandestine	54 Clandestine	55 Printer's measure (pl.)							
35 A Mexican sofa	55 Printer's measure (pl.)									

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## Party Education

The recruiting results for the various districts announced in last Tuesday's Party Life column already pose the following central political-organizational problem for the party: the creation of party branches composed almost entirely of new members.

We know of a number of cases, such as in Detroit, where one party branch recruited 50 new members. Here, one life-giving cell multiplies and reproduces itself. This is how it should be and is all to the good. Indeed, the very purpose of the recruiting drive is to widen the political influence of the Communist Party and to strengthen the national war effort. The recruiting drive should result in the establishment of new party branches that will connect the party with hitherto untouched factories, communities and sections of public opinion.

The realization of the purpose of the drive, the measure by which we shall judge the success of the drive is how the individual party branch, particularly the new party branches, will function as public institutions, as Communist Party organizations standing on their own feet, functioning with self-reliance and initiative.

Of course all depends on the political guidance, or rather, political concern for the new branches. But specifically, the problem is that of developing the branch organizer as a central figure. The issue of the new branches that will spring up from the recruiting drive, for that matter of all branches, is the issue of training and developing branch organizers.

What is the key to the personnel problem in the party today? It is the selection and training of branch organizers. The cadre policy, the selection of new branch organizers should begin as of today and not after the completion of the recruiting drive. The branch personnel policy should be based on the selection and training of comrades who would politically and ideologically be productive and fit in best with the corresponding nature of the new members and the type of new branch.

The success of the recruiting drive depends on political intensity, programmatic presentation of the role of the party in the winning of the war and the political-ideological mobilization of the party and all of its sectors. This spirit must permeate every party branch—this must be the spirit in which branch organizers will be selected and trained.

The educational departments have a great responsibility in assisting the state organizations in the training of branch organizers and in the ideological life of the new party branch. The first responsibility of the educational department is the party branch and the training of branch organizers; likewise that of the party propagandist and educator.

The school system within the party must concentrate on the training of branch organizers. It must be politically and pedagogically adjusted to the cadre policy of immediate filling of posts of branch organizers and adjusted to the general war tempo. The New York state organization is making a good beginning in this direction. The New York state educational department, together with the state personnel department, are organizing a network of two-week evening schools for the training of branch organizers. The selection of the comrades is a personnel matter to be decided upon jointly by the educational and personnel departments.

Obviously these two-week schools must be of an intensive training nature. The comrades, therefore, who are being selected are released for the period of their study from all branch activities, except in cases where the release of an individual comrade would very seriously affect the activities of the Branch.

The curriculum of the two-week schools will consist in the main of the following topics:

- a) Nature of the war and the United Nations;
- b) National unity, the political role and responsibilities of labor;
- c) The role of the Communist Party;
- d) The tasks and responsibilities of a Communist Party branch.

Just as the proper selection of students, so will the selection of instructors decide the success of these two-week schools for branch leaders. Party state leaders, therefore, should be among the instructors. It will guarantee good quality in the training; the state leaders will also have the opportunity to learn first hand the individual qualities and aptitudes of the comrades selected for training. Such an acquaintance with the comrade in the class-room will help in the proper selection and assignment—key to a correct personnel policy.

Upon the completion of the individual schools, the educational department, jointly with the organization or personnel department, should consider the assignment of the students. It is also essential to advise the comrade how to continue his or her self-study, and for the members of the educational and organization departments to maintain "post-graduate" personal contact with the individual comrade.

As we have noted at the outset, the problem of all branches, and particularly of the new ones, is first of all a political-organizational task—in the sense of what kind of a branch the new branch should be, how to retain a core, or attach "older" members in the newly-established branch.

The main thought, however, that we would like to leave with the readers of this article is that a key personnel problem growing out of the recruiting drive is the selection and training of branch organizers.

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